

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 14, 19, and 24 are presently pending in this case. Claims 1-13, 15-18, and 20-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 14 has been amended by way of the present Amendment. Claim 24 has been withdrawn from consideration.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 10-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The rejected phrase has been amended as suggested in the Official Action. Accordingly, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection.

Claims 14 and 19 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 14 has been rewritten to place this claim into condition for allowance. Additionally, Claim 19 is in condition for allowance, as being dependent upon allowable Claim 14. Furthermore, the Applicants submit that non-elected Claim 24, which depends from allowable Claim 14, should be rejoined and allowed as being dependent upon allowable Claim 14.

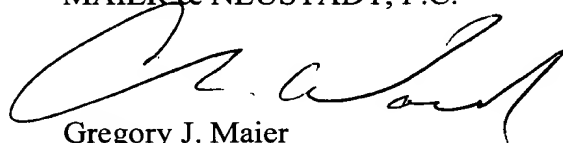
The remaining rejections have been rendered moot by the amendments set forth herein.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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